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FM AMEMBASSY PORT MORESBY

TO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

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FOR RSO FM PSO

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AFSP, ACOM, ASEC

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY GENERATOR

REF: STATE 266850; CANBERRA A-88 DATED 5/6/75

1. EMBASSY POWER REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING 20 PERCENT SAFETY FACTOR, IS 36/27/27 AMPS (3-PHASE) WITH AIRCONDITIONING; 18/18/18 AMPS WITHOUT.
2. LOCAL VENDOR CAN SUPPLY A 35 K.V.A. FORD DIESEL GENERATOR DELIEVERED AND INSTALLED FOR USDOLS 9,240.
3. GENERATOR HAS AUTOMATIC PUSH-BUTTON START WITH CONTROL PANEL. GENERATOR WILL NOT AUTOMATICALLY START WHEN POWER FAILURE OCCURS. WE WOULD MERELY HAVE TO SWITCH OVER FROM MAINS POWER LINE TO AUXILLARY GENERATOR LINE MANUALLY AND PUSH A BUTTON ON THE BATTERY DRIVEN GENERATOR CONTROL PANEL STARTER. AN AUTOMATIC SWITCH OVER UNIT IN TIME OF POWER OUTAGE IS MUCH TOO COSTLY AND LOCAL VENDOR STATES COULD CAUSE MORE TECHNICAL PROBLEMS OVER THE LONG HAUL.
4. POWER FAILURES (BLACKOUTS) IN THE EMBASSY AREA ARE BECOMING MORE FREQUENT. THE LOCAL ELECTRICITY COMMISSION IS OF THE OPINION THAT WITH THE PRESENT CONTINUING INCREASED COMMERCIAL/

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PRIVATE POWER CONSUMPTION, ALONG WITH THEIR LIMITED TOTAL POWER

CAPACITY, THAT PROSPECTS FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE ARE FOR MORE FREQUENT AND OFTEN PROLONGED POWER FAILURES IN PORT MORESBY.

5. THE RSO HAS RECOMMENDED AN EMBASSY EMERGENCY GENERATOR IN HIS INITIAL SECURITY SURVEY. (SEE RSO SECURITY SURVEY REPORT, CANBERRA A-88, 5/6/75) IF WE DON'T HAVE A SECONDARY SOURCE OF ELECTRICAL POWER, OUR COMMUNICATIONS CAPABILITY, LIGHTS AND EMERGENCY H.F. RADIO SYSTEM WOULD BE IMMOBILIZED.

6. GENERATOR WOULD BE ORDERED FROM AUSTRALIA: VENDOR: DUNLITE, MELBOURNE; PHONE: 5446666 RPT 5446666; CONTACT ARTHUR PEET AND REF PHONE CONVERSATION WITH JOHN KINCADE, KELLY ELECTRIC, PORT MORESBY - PNG FOR ALL TECHNICAL PARTICULARS AND EXACT MODEL NUMBER, ETC.

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